

**III.B.2.N.e.7. VACCINIUM FORMOSUM–VACCINIUM FUSCATUM SEASONALLY FLOODED SHRUBLAND ALLIANCE**

Southern Highbush Blueberry–Black Highbush Blueberry Seasonally Flooded Shrubland Alliance

Hopewell Furnace name: [Highbush Blueberry–Meadowsweet Wetland](#)

(Note: alliance name may be changed to *Vaccinium formosum–Vaccinium fuscatum–Vaccinium corymbosum* Seasonally Flooded Shrubland Alliance)

**Concept:** Depressional wetlands in uplands of the Coastal Plain and extreme lower Piedmont dominated by *Vaccinium formosum*, *Vaccinium fuscatum*, and other heaths locally, such as *Lyonia ligustrina* var. *foliosiflora*, *Lyonia lucida*, and others. Other shrub/vine species which may be present include *Leucothoe racemosa*, *Smilax walteri*, and *Viburnum nudum* var. *nudum*. The shrub coverage sometimes has an open, sparse structure. Trees may be interspersed among the shrubs; these may include *Liquidambar styraciflua*, *Acer rubrum* var. *rubrum*, *Pinus palustris*, and *Pinus taeda*. Herbaceous species that may be present include *Carex crinita*, *Carex glaucescens*, *Eleocharis* sp., *Rhynchospora* sp., *Scleria* sp., and *Utricularia gibba*. *Sphagnum* spp. are present in some examples. *Vaccinium* spp. sometimes exceed 5 m in height, but are placed here.

**Range:** This alliance is found in uplands of the coastal plain and extreme lower Piedmont from New England to the Carolinas.

**States/Provinces:** CT DE MA MD NC NJ NY PA RI SC VA?

**Federal Lands:** USFS (Uwharrie)

**Synonymy:** Small Depression Pond (Schafale and Weakley 1990); Upland Pool (Schafale and Weakley 1990)

**References:** Schafale and Weakley 1990

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